

STOKESLEY PARISH COUNCIL
OPEN SPACES AND ALLOTMENT COMMITTEE

A Meeting of the Open Spaces and Allotments Committee
was held in the Town Hall, Stokesley on
Monday 26 February 2024 commencing at 7 pm

Open Spaces & Allotments Committee Membership

Clr Bryn Griffiths, Clr David Oxley, Clr Graham Sowerby, Clr Martin Luxton and Clr Andy Wake.

Present: Clrs Bryn Griffiths, Martin Luxton, David Oxley, Graham Sowerby and Andy Wake
Assistant Clerk –Mrs Debbie Young

1/26/02/24 NOTICE OF MEETING

RESOLVED that the public notice of the meeting had been provided in accordance with Schedule 12, paragraph 10(2) of the Local Government Act 1972.

2/26/02/24 MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC

None present.

3/26/02/24 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None received

4/26/02/24 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS IN ITEMS ON THE AGENDA

None declared.

5/26/02/24 MINUTES OF THE OPEN SPACES MEETING HELD ON 26 SEPTEMBER 2023

RESOLVED that the minutes of the meeting held on 26 September 2023 were agreed as a true record.

6/26/02/24 OPEN SPACES MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE FOR 2023/24

- i. Grasscutting - **RESOLVED** members agreed to extend the current contract for an additional year to allow more time to review and revise the details of the present contract to ensure it meets all the requirements of the Town Council going forward. The Assistant Clerk to contact the current Contractor to ask if he is agreeable to extending the current contract for an additional year. It was agreed that the new proposed contract would be submitted to the full Council for consideration in September 2024 with a view to then going out to tender in October with a submission date of the end of November so that a preferred contractor can be identified prior to formulating the budget for 2025/26.

- ii. Tree work - **RESOLVED** to review the current ongoing contract to ensure it meets the requirements of the Town Council and request monthly reports for tree work completed.
- iii. Hedges – **RESOLVED** to review the service level agreement (SLA) to ensure it meets the requirements of the Town Council. It was noted that the contractor continues to complete the hedge maintenance in accordance with the current SLA. The contractor had completed the work to the hedge at the allotments, but the tenants at plot 1 have requested if it could be cut back further. Cllrs David Oxley and Graham Sowerby would review the hedge and report back.
- iv. No Mow May – **RESOLVED** that members support the request by the Climate Action Stokesley and Villages (CASaV) for three areas to be left uncut as provided in their report during the month of May. The Assistant Clerk to inform the Grass Cutting Contractor of these areas and promote through social media.

7/26/02/24 PLAY PARKS

- i. **RESOLVED** the Assistant Clerk had requested quotes for the repairs to the Skate Bowl and is to chase for responses. Cllr Graham Sowerby and The Play Park Attendant to check the drain in the skate bowl.
- ii. **RESOLVED** to obtain a further quote for the removal of the tree stump near the electric station.

8/26/02/24 ALLOTMENTS

- i. **RESOLVED** that the entry gate at the allotments has now been repaired.
- ii. **RESOLVED** that Cllrs Martin Luxton and Graham Sowerby will carry out the allotment judging over the weekend of 8 and 9 June 2024.
- iii. **RESOLVED** as agreed in the budget the Assistant Clerk would arrange for two large skips to be delivered to the allotments at the end of April and October, one to be placed in the Car Park and one to be placed further on site.

The meeting closed at 7.40pm.

SignedDate